

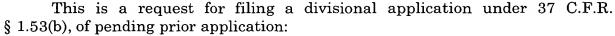


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:



		Serial No. 09/257,207
		Filed on February 25, 1999
		Of <u>Juergen RAMM; Eugen BECK</u>
		Entitled: PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING COMPONENT
		PARTS, USE OF SAME, WITH AIR BEARING SUPPORTED
		WORKPIECES AND VACUUM PROCESSING
		CHAMBER TO THE PROPERTY OF THE
		Examiner: J. T. Haran
		Group:1733
<u>X</u> _	1.	Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed.
		Total pages: 30
<u>X</u>	2.	Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of 5 sheets, depicting Figures 1-7.
<u>X</u>	3.	Declaration and Power of Attorney:
		a Newly executed (original or copy)
		b. X Copy from prior application
		 i Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application

- X Incorporation by Reference: 4. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. <u>X</u> Cancel original claims 1-22. 5. Small entity status: 6. A small entity statement is enclosed a. _A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed b. on ___ in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
- X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

c.

CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Is no longer claimed

Basic 1	Fee	\$375\$750
Total Claims		<u>12</u> - 20 = <u>0</u> x 9 = <u>\$</u> 18 = <u>\$</u>
Ind. Claims		<u> </u>
		Multiple Dependent Claims + 140 = <u>\$</u> 280 = <u>\$</u>
		Total \$ \$ 750.00
_	8.	Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #) in the amount of \$
X	9.	A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
<u>X</u>	10.	The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or 37 CFR § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #080310.47624D1).

- X 12. Priority of Appln. No. 315/99, filed in Switzerland on February 19, 1999, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- X 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/257,207 on June 18, 1999.
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Unaxis Balzers Aktiengesellschaft.
- \underline{X} 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.

- X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.
- __ b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- __ c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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- X 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
- X 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

June 23, 2003

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